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WHEN THE FAMILY ENDS THE NATION DIES

Periodically we are greatly disturbed by the news that marriages are falling off and that divorces are on the increase. And then on the heels of this news there come numerous declarations as to how serious this evil is, and even more numerous suggestions as to how it may be speedily checked.

No intelligent man or woman who will give any thought to the problem needs to be told how serious it is. It menaces practically everything we hold dear in our social order. It touches not only the lives of those immediately implicated, it involves the very foundations of society. It means that in something fundamental to our social welfare and happiness we are not succeeding as we ought to.

Nor will any intelligent man or woman close his or her ear to any of the many suggestions which will presently be given as to how the situation at this problem must be approached to be effective. We shall be told that it ought to be made more difficult to get married, and less easy to get a divorce. We shall be told that the problem is not merely an economic one, although it is that too, in part; they will say that it is an individual matter as anything can be individual and they will tell us that it is also a social problem.

In the meantime, there are those who have given much thought not merely to the present situation, but to the historical aspect of it also, and the conclusions of these thinkers may be worthy of consideration. They tell us that the family is the basic unit of civilization; that without any community or nation has come to this basic family unit. Its progress has not been undisturbed, and where the integrity of the family unit has been weakened, there decay was inevitable.

The historical significance may be clear to everyone, but more clear even than that is the logic of it. It is within this little group that the seeds are developed which are necessary to human progress and refinement, and it is through this group that the ideals are maintained. When for any reason the integrity of this group is threatened, we are told, then all civilization is threatened, for it can not be too often repeated, the family is the unit on which the whole structure of civilization is built.

In proportion as we can bring our selves to realize the importance of this fact, in proportion as we can keep out the theories of this or that, or fads of one kind or another from our thinking about the family, in that proportion we may avert the danger of which the increase of divorce and decrease of marriages is only a symptom. Whatever can be done in the home or by any other educative influence outside of the home, to keep before us the fact that as we maintain the family intact the outlook is a dark one—this is worth doing. No nation can continue to be great, except its greatness is based on an enduring family relation.

WASTED ACRES

Idle land is the cause of America's timber shortage—idle land that should be utilized for growing trees to replace those cut for the industries. The chief forester of the federal government estimates these idle acres at \$1,000,000, an area increased by 5,000,000 acres each year. This is not land adapted to agriculture; it would serve the nation best by growing timber. It is idle and unproductive because Americans continue to pursue wasteful policies in forestry.

In spite of modern substitutes for wood in construction, more wood is used now than ever before in this country. Concrete and other fire-resisting materials, admirable as they are, are not saving our disappearing timber. More wood is used in building railway cars, for instance, than before the steel car was devised. Similar increases in many branches of industry are inevitably hastening the day when America's magnificent forest heritage will become exhausted. Already three-fifths of our remaining forests are gone and the remaining portions at per cent less cost of the great plains.

THOSE DESTRUCTIVE SCIENTISTS

It is hazardous almost to the point of fascination to be a scientist these days. Politically of course the stigma or even persecution has been nothing

with a handful of bricks. And on the whole, even though some scientific worthies have no cast aspersions on the gravitation theory as being incorrect about walking under ladders, we shall continue to be cautious in the future. Nothing short of a practical demonstration by one of the theory-destroying scientists will ever render the ordinary man less shy of an impact with a falling brick.

But scientifically speaking, everything seems to be upset so that the worst may come at any time. Hardly was Einstein demolished beyond all repair our old standbys, time and space, and distorted the Newtonian theory of gravitation to suit his destructive purposes, when along comes another set of scientists to cast out Mr. Einstein's relativity theory and what little there was left of Newton's law.

To make matters worse, these innovators tell us that their substitute is more "revolutionary" than the Russian revolution. One of the scientific revolutionists say by way of burial ceremony over Mr. Einstein's contribution, "From Newton to Einstein it has always been supposed that mass as measured by gravitation is the same as mass measured by its inertia." Now, never having known any better, and along with most others never even having understood this, we may be charged with always having supposed this to be true. Whatever it is.

But for all that we have always been afraid to walk under a ladder, particularly when said ladder was being ascended by a hod-carrier

OBSERVATIONS

Despite the freeze, not all the plums were killed in Washington, D. C.

Although a man may never have raised chickens, he usually knows that he could.

The old-fashioned home life would be a tame existence for most members of this generation.

A lot of folks will find excuse for additional eccentricity in that approaching comet.

California has not yet advertised earthquakes as a desirable addition to the wonderful climate.

European nations may decide some day that it is cheaper to be peaceable than to pay the policeman's salary.

The way a lot of merchants feel now, they would be willing to pay a sales tax and not pass it on to the purchaser.

Postmaster General Hays, it is hoped, will have a confidential talk with the clerk whose attention is so hard to attract when you want to buy a stamp.

There are 298 lawyers in the present congress, which gives promise of a lot of business for the supreme court.

A plant counterfeiting United States currency was seized in eastern Europe. Perhaps that's the only kind of money worth counterfeiting over there.

The man who wants to drown his sorrow because he has no money is in a double and state these days.

STOP SPECULATION IN COLUMBIA BASIN LAND

(By Associated Press)
OLYMPIA, Wash., May 3.—Official warning has been issued here against speculation in land in the Columbia basin irrigation project, a great reclamation plan now taking definite shape. Dan A. Scott, state director of conservation and reclamation, learning that central Washington lands are being widely advertised as a part of the irrigation project, declares that prices in some instances have been vastly inflated.

CHILE LEGISLATURE SEATS SOCIALISTS

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 3.—First time in the history of the country, the Socialist party has obtained parliamentary representation. In the recent congressional elections two seats in the chamber of deputies were won by Socialists while the Democratic party, largely supported by organized labor, substantially increased its representation in the lower house.

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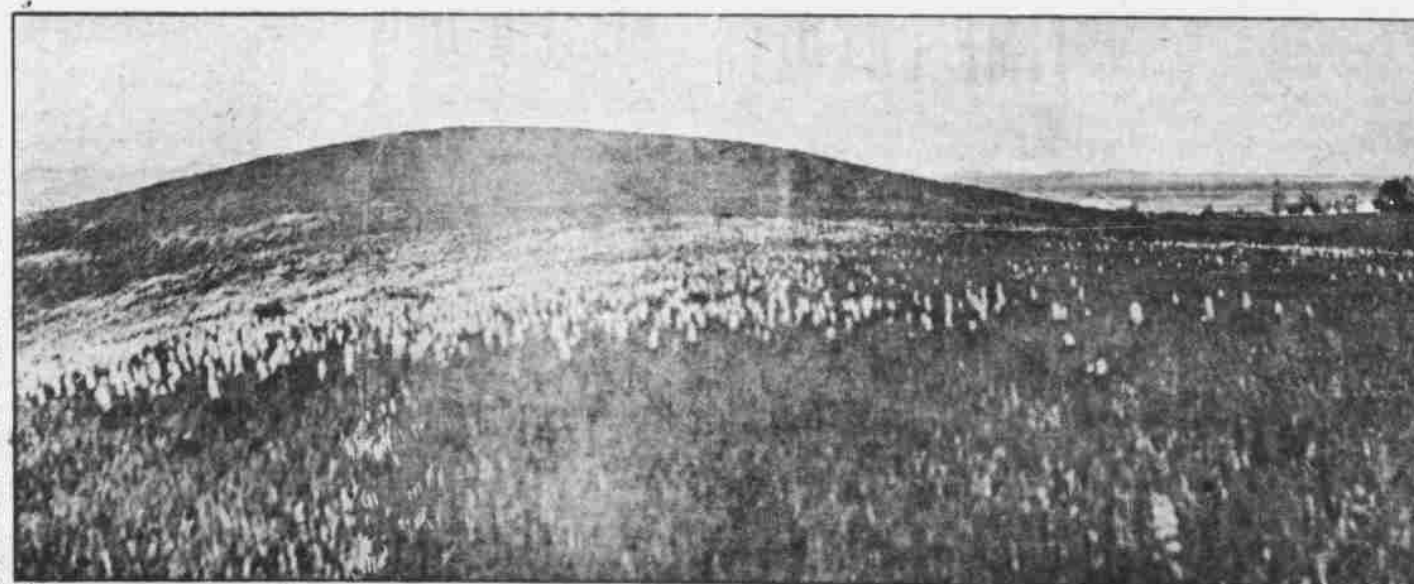
CALIFORNIA PETROLEUM AND REFINING COMPANY

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STATEMENT OF
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